

S. 3569. A bill to extend the program to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at certain health centers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3569

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Help Expand Liability Protections for Volunteers Act” or the “HELP for Volunteers Act”.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.

Section 224(q) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 233(q)) is amended by striking paragraph (6).

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 3574. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 303 East Mississippi Avenue in Elwood, Illinois, as the Lawrence M. “Larry” Walsh Sr. Post Office; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3574

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LAWRENCE M. “LARRY” WALSH SR. POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 303 East Mississippi Avenue in Elwood, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the “Lawrence M. ‘Larry’ Walsh Sr. Post Office”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Lawrence M. ‘Larry’ Walsh Sr. Post Office”.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 503—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SHOULD IMMEDIATELY GUARANTEE THE SAFETY AND FREEDOM OF TENNIS STAR PENG SHUAI

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 503

Whereas, on November 2, 2021, 3-time Olympian Peng Shuai went missing after she

said in a since-deleted post on Chinese social media site Weibo that she had been sexually assaulted and forced into a sexual relationship with Zhang Gaoli, who was the senior Vice Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China from 2013 to 2018;

Whereas authorities of the People’s Republic of China imposed a media and internet blackout of discussions of Peng’s case;

Whereas, on November 14, 2021, after Peng had not been seen or heard from for 12 days, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Women’s Tennis Association Steve Simon requested a “full, fair, and transparent” investigation into Peng’s allegations;

Whereas the hashtag “#WhereIsPengShuai” trended across social media worldwide, with the exception of the People’s Republic of China where it was censored;

Whereas, on November 17, 2021, the Women’s Tennis Association received a statement purporting to be from Peng, recanting her abuse claim and saying “everything is fine”;

Whereas, in response, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Women’s Tennis Association Steve Simon said the statement “released today by Chinese state media concerning Peng Shuai only raises my concerns as to her safety and whereabouts”;

Whereas the International Olympic Committee said in a statement that it was “encouraged by assurances that she is safe”;

Whereas, on November 19 and 20, 2021, photos and videos of Peng appearing in her home, in a restaurant, and at a youth tennis event in Beijing emerged on Twitter accounts affiliated with government-run media;

Whereas, on November 19, 2021, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said the White House is “deeply concerned” over Peng’s disappearance and seeks “independent and verifiable proof” of her location and condition;

Whereas, on November 19, 2021, Liz Throssell, the spokesperson for the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, told reporters “. . . it would be important to have proof of her whereabouts and wellbeing, and we would urge that there be an investigation with full transparency into her allegations of sexual assault”;

Whereas, on November 21, 2021, the International Olympic Committee said in a statement that its President, Thomas Bach, had a 30-minute video call with Peng, joined by a Chinese sports official and an official of the International Olympic Committee;

Whereas the statement said that, during the call, Peng appeared to be “doing fine” and appeared “relaxed”, and said she “would like to have her privacy respected”;

Whereas the International Olympic Committee did not explain how the video call with Peng had been organized, given the difficulties other concerned parties have had reaching her;

Whereas, on November 30, 2021, in an interview with CNN, International Olympic Committee official Dick Pound defended the handling of the situation by the Government of the People’s Republic of China and said the “unanimous conclusion” by International Olympic Committee officials on the call is that Peng Shuai is “fine”;

Whereas the annual report of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China for 2020 finds that gender-based violence in China remains a serious issue, and highly publicized cases of sexual assault continue to surface;

Whereas, on December 1, 2021, the Women’s Tennis Association suspended all Women’s Tennis Association tournaments in China and Hong Kong;

Whereas Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Women’s Tennis Association

Steve Simon stated, “In good conscience, I don’t see how I can ask our athletes to compete there when Peng Shuai is not allowed to communicate freely and has seemingly been pressured to contradict her allegation of sexual assault. Given the current state of affairs, I am also greatly concerned about the risks that all of our players and staff could face if we were to hold events in China in 2022.”;

Whereas the Government of the People’s Republic of China has repeatedly detained “#MeToo” activists in China and censored online and public discussion around sexual assault and harassment; and

Whereas athletes from the around the world will be competing in the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing in February 2022: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the case of Peng Shuai is directly related to broader international concerns around the freedom of speech and safety of athletes participating in the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing;

(2) the failure of the International Olympic Committee to clearly and forcefully challenge the claims of the Government of the People’s Republic of China concerning Peng’s safety raise questions about the ability and willingness of the International Olympic Committee to stand up for the human rights of athletes participating in the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic games in Beijing;

(3) the Government of the People’s Republic of China would help reduce concerns about athlete safety at the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing by assuring Peng’s freedom and safety and investigating her allegations in a fair and transparent manner;

(4) the Government of the People’s Republic of China should immediately take steps to—

(A) provide independent and verifiable proof of Peng’s whereabouts and that she is safe;

(B) allow Peng to engage directly with the Women’s Tennis Association and the United Nations to independently verify her safety and explain her absence from public life since making her allegation;

(C) open an independent and transparent investigation into Peng’s allegations against former senior Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli;

(D) publicly commit to hold sexual violence abusers accountable;

(E) cease all censorship of reporting and discussions of Peng’s case; and

(F) allow Peng to leave China if she so desires and prevent any retaliation against family members remaining there;

(5) by failing to clearly and forcefully challenge the Chinese Communist Party’s narrative, the International Olympic Committee has failed to uphold its own stated commitments with regard to “[r]espect for international conventions on protecting human rights”, as outlined in the Code of Ethics of the International Olympic Committee;

(6) the conduct of the International Olympic Committee runs counter to efforts by the United States Government, human rights organizations, the Women’s Tennis Association, and other international bodies and individuals to secure Peng’s safety; and

(7) in an effort to regain lost public confidence, the International Olympic Committee should publicly call on the Government of the People’s Republic of China to undertake the actions called for in paragraph (4).

SENATE RESOLUTION 504—COM-MENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE COFFEYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE RED RAVENS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2021 NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 504

Whereas, on Saturday, April 24, 2021, the Coffeyville Community College Red Ravens men's basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the "Red Ravens") defeated the Cowley County Community College Tigers by a score of 108 to 99 in the 2021 National Junior College Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the "NJCAA") Division I men's basketball championship game;

Whereas the 2021 national championship is the first for the Red Ravens since 1962;

Whereas, in addition to winning the national championship, the Red Ravens won a share of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference East title;

Whereas, in the championship game, freshman center Blaise Keita had a career-high 27 points on 13-16 shooting;

Whereas guard Tylor Perry—

(1) had 18 points in the championship game; and

(2) was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2021 NJCAA Division I men's basketball championship tournament;

Whereas Love Bettis, Blaise Keita, and Tylor Perry were named to the All-Tournament team; and

Whereas head coach Jay Herkelman was named the 2021 NJCAA Division I men's basketball coach of the year: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Coffeyville Community College Red Ravens men's basketball team on winning the 2021 National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball championship;

(2) recognizes the players, coaches, and staff of the Coffeyville Community College Red Ravens men's basketball team; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the President of Coffeyville Community College, Dr. Marlon Thornburg;

(B) the Athletic Director of Coffeyville Community College, Jeff Leiker; and

(C) the head coach of the Coffeyville Community College Red Ravens men's basketball team, Jay Herkelman.

SENATE RESOLUTION 505—COM-MEMORATING THE SUCCESS OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC TEAMS IN THE PAST 24 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES AND 12 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES AND SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC TEAMS IN THE 2022 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES AND PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. ROMNEY, and Mr. BENNET) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 505

Whereas for more than 100 years, the Olympic and Paralympic movements have—

(1) educated young people through amateur athletics;

(2) brought together athletes from many countries in friendly competition; and

(3) forged new relationships among athletes bound by friendship, solidarity, and fair play;

Whereas at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, 91 nations will compete in 109 events across 15 disciplines in 7 sports, and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams (referred to in this preamble as "Team USA") will compete in all 7 sports;

Whereas at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games, approximately 16 nations will compete in 78 events across 6 disciplines in 2 sports, and Team USA will compete in all 2 sports;

Whereas at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, the Team USA roster includes 224 athletes with the largest ever female contingent for Team USA at an Olympic Winter Games;

Whereas at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games, the Team USA roster currently includes 10 athletes, and many more athletes are expected to qualify;

Whereas, during the past 24 Olympic Winter Games, Team USA has won 105 gold medals, 112 silver medals, and 88 bronze medals, totaling 305 medals;

Whereas, during the past 12 Paralympic Winter Games, Team USA has won 111 gold medals, 119 silver medals, and 85 bronze medals, totaling 315 medals;

Whereas the people of the United States stand united in respect and admiration for the members of Team USA and the athletic accomplishments, sportsmanship, and dedication to excellence of Team USA;

Whereas the many accomplishments of Team USA would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many parties, including the many sports organizations, administrators, coaches, and family members who provide critical support to the athletes of Team USA;

Whereas the United States takes great pride in the athletes of Team USA exhibiting a commitment to excellence, grace under pressure, and good will toward other competitors;

Whereas the United States maintains a commitment to the safety and security of Team USA;

Whereas 31 States will be represented on Team USA, with the largest contingents coming from California, Minnesota, Colorado, and Utah; and

Whereas Team USA exemplifies rigorous competition, fair play, and the pursuit of dreams: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) applauds the athletes and coaches of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams (referred to in this resolution as "Team USA") and the families who support them; and

(2) supports the athletes of Team USA in competing at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games and the Paralympic Winter Games.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4923. Mr. WYDEN (for Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3527, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transfer the name of property of the Department of Veterans Affairs designated by law to other property of the Department.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4923. Mr. WYDEN (for Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3527, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transfer the name of property of the Department of Veterans Affairs designated by law to other property of the Department; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO TRANSFER NAMES OF FACILITIES, STRUCTURES, OR REAL PROPERTY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 531 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking "**Requirement**" and inserting "**Requirements**";

(2) by striking "Except as expressly provided by law" and inserting the following:

"(a) NAMING LIMITATION.—Except as expressly provided by law or as authorized under subsection (b)"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) TRANSFER OF NAMES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may transfer the name of covered property of the Department to other covered property of the Department if—

"(A) the original covered property was designated with that name by law;

"(B) the Department no longer offers benefits or services at the original covered property;

"(C) the other covered property is similar in type and purpose as the original covered property;

"(D) the other covered property is located in a different location or at a different address from the original covered property within the town, city, or other local government area specified in the designation made by such law; and

"(E) such transfer occurs not less than 30 days after the Secretary notifies the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress representing the State in which the original covered property and other covered property are located of the intent of the Secretary to transfer the name of the original covered property to the other covered property.

"(2) REFERENCES.—If the Secretary transfers the name of covered property under paragraph (1), any reference in a law, regulation, map, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the covered property originally named by law shall be deemed to be a reference to the covered property to which the name has been transferred under such paragraph.

"(3) COVERED PROPERTY.—In this subsection, the term 'covered property' means a facility, structure, or real property of the Department or a major portion (such as a wing or floor) of any such facility, structure, or real property."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 5 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 531 and inserting the following new item:

"531. Requirements relating to naming of Department property."

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I have 3 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They